

School Curriculum, Assessment & Accountability Council (SCAAC)

November 12, 2013



Volume 2, No. 4—Minutes from the November 12, 2013 Meeting

Advisory Committee Members Present

Rob Akers	Jana Beth Francis	Brenda McGown
Holly Bloodworth	Jerry Green	Phyllis O'Neal
Jinger Carter	Larry Hicks	William Owens
Roger Cleveland	David Higgins	Terry Rhodes
Linda Duncan	Liza Holland	Carl Wicklund

Call to Order

Chairperson Jana Beth Francis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum of members in attendance. SCAAC Member Holly Bloodworth was recognized for receiving Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

Others in Attendance:

Kentucky Board of Education: Nawanna Privett

Kentucky Department of Education: Robin Chandler, Johnny Collett, Ken Draut, Tommy Floyd, Cindy Greer, Patsy Kenner, Teresa King, Rae McEntyre, Kathy Moore, Rhonda Sims, and Joy Barr

Others: Cindy Heine, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; Brenda Landry, Office of Education Accountability; and Emily Spurlock, Office of Education Accountability

Approval of September 17, 2013 Minutes

Jana Beth Francis

Larry Hicks moved to accept the minutes from the September 17 meeting as presented. Liza Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kentucky's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Waiver

Tommy Floyd

Tommy Floyd, KDE Chief of Staff, presented an overview of the *KDE Elementary and Secondary Education Act Waiver White Paper* to SCAAC members. Kentucky is planning to apply for renewal of its ESEA waiver, which provides states flexibility from

current No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. Tommy Floyd suggested that SCAAC members review the white paper and provide constructive feedback.

Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Program (703 KAR 5:070)

Rhonda Sims

SCAAC members reviewed the proposed revisions to the regulation. Various stakeholder groups have reviewed the proposed regulation and it will be presented to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) at its December meeting for approval. If approved, a public hearing will be scheduled. And, if approved by the legislature, the regulation will be effective beginning the 2014-15 school year. A new section, entitled General Conditions for Using Accommodations, has been included in the regulation.

Nawanna Privett asked if the use of a Reader accommodation had been resolved? Rhonda Sims responded that students that have the use of a reader listed as an accommodation in their IEP may continue to have a reader for assessments.

Jinger Carter suggested that training examples be provided explaining the reference to "initiating the use of an accommodation."

Phyllis O'Neal moved that SCAAC recommend the proposed revisions to the 703 KAR 5:070 regulation go forward to the Kentucky Board of Education. Linda Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administration Code for Kentucky's Educational Assessment Program (703 KAR 5:080)

Rhonda Sims

SCAAC members reviewed the proposed changes to the regulation. Various stakeholder groups have reviewed the proposed regulation and it will be presented to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) at its December meeting for approval. If approved, a public hearing will be scheduled. And, if approved by the legislature, the regulation will be effective beginning with the 2014-15 school year. SCAAC members recommended that statements be added to the regulation about the appropriate use of accommodations, and that the use of accommodations does not immediately lead to proficiency.

Jinger Carter moved that SCAAC recommend the proposed revisions to the 703 KAR 5:080 regulation be approved with the noted changes. Liza Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Break at 11:03 a.m.; resume at 11:07 a.m.

Program Reviews

Ken Draut

The public release of the Program Review data was October 30. The next step will be to combine the Next-Generation Learners and Program Review data in late November to create a combined overall score in the Unbridled Learning Assessment and Accountability Model. Schools and districts will receive an overall score combining NGL

at 77% and Program Reviews at 23%, and their individual Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) goal for 2014. The Program Review data is available on Open House on the KDE website.

Discussion further continued on program reviews concerning the initiation of a possible audit process with random and purposeful schools in the audit; the need to conduct a research study on Kentucky Program Review scores; quality programs and achievement scores; the location of model programs to serve as exemplars for helping the scoring process; upgrading training on the scoring process; continuing to actively monitor program review scores; and conducting an analysis of program review scores helping to locate outliers.

The group broke for lunch at 12:00 noon and resumed at 12:45 p.m.

KDE Update

Ken Draut

SCAAC members received the following updates about ongoing efforts at KDE: public reporting of 2013 assessment/accountability results; School Report Card updates; Request for Information (RFI) sent to vendors for exploration of possible assessments; cancellation of the End-of-Course Stress Test; and process for the new Next-Generation Science and Social Studies standards.

Adjourn

Jana Beth Francis

Topics for the next SCAAC meeting were requested. Holly Bloodworth moved that the meeting adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Terry Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2014